HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1172 By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to commend Tony Webb for his honorable and astute service to the people of Bartlett Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Anthony Thomas "Tony" Webb, a Canine Officer with the Bartlett Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Tony Webb was recently named the 2006 Outstanding Officer of the Year by the Bartlett Police Department, a most befitting honor, as it recognizes the immeasurable contributions he has made to the Bartlett community as a law enforcement professional with superior standards of professional conduct and ethics; and

WHEREAS, Tony Webb has been a police officer with the Bartlett Police Department since 1997; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, he completed Basic Bicycle School and became a bicycle officer; he was also certified in 2000 by the IPMBA to teach Basic Bicycle Patrol Schools; and

WHEREAS, in December 2004, Patrolman Webb became a canine officer, and he and his canine partner, Bailey, eagerly assist in narcotic detention and arrest; they are highly visible in the community and bring a favorable light to the Bartlett Police Department; and

WHEREAS, before serving with the Bartlett Police Department, Tony Webb was the Deputy Jailer with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department from 1994 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, born in Davidson County, Tony Webb is the son of Phyllis Webb, and he attended Hillcrest High School in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Tony Webb wrestled professionally for four years and held four championship titles, and he received offers from major wrestling federations in Japan and the United States, a testament to his talent and athleticism; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a police officer, K-9 Officer Webb has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, an effective, pro-active patrolman, Officer Webb has the highest number of self-initiated arrests in his division; and

WHEREAS, Tony Webb's remarkable success as a police officer is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, ever displaying motivation and dedication to the department's mission,

Officer Webb sacrifices his personal safety on a daily basis to maintain and ensure a stable community for the good people of Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Tony Webb is most thankful for the love and support of his four children, Bianca, Brianna, Anthony, and Chris; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the highest ideals of public service, Tony Webb epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Tony Webb is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Officer Tony Webb on his selection as the Bartlett Police Department's 2006 Outstanding Officer of the Year, commend him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Bartlett, Tennessee, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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